



Della Catherine Millay Kuehle

March 15, 1928 - December 7, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Della Catherine Millay Kuehle

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAPE GIRARDEAU

829 North West End Boulevard, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Della Catherine Millay Kuehle, 96, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2024, at her home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

She was born on March 15, 1928, in Prairie Field, Illinois, to Claude Richard Millay and Clotilda Anna Carrico Millay. Catherine, as she was known to her friends, grew up in Stanley, Kentucky, near Owensboro, in a large family with six brothers and one sister.

At the age of 15, she joined the workforce at the GE plant in Owensboro to support the war effort. During World War II, her brother James introduced her, through letters, to his best friend, Melvin Kuehle. Their correspondence blossomed into love, and after the war, they married. Together, they raised three children and celebrated 72 years of marriage before Melvin's passing.

Catherine was devoted to her family, dedicating her life to raising her children and helping care for two of her grandchildren, Amanda and Bryan. Known for her kindness, she often brought soup to neighbors in need. She found joy in her flower garden, bowling with her league, and crocheting intricate afghans for family and friends.

A devout Catholic, she was a member of St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Catherine is survived by her children: Sandra Graham, Karen Crain (Tom Armbruster), and R. Keith Kuehle (Linda); her grandchildren, Erica Graham, Kara Graham, Amanda Webb Merryman (Jerry), and M. Bryan Crain (Lauren); and her great-grandchildren, Emmy Crain, Axel Merryman, Sydney Merryman, and Brooklyn Merryman. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Kuehle; her sister, Mary Bennett; and her brothers, Richard, Ferman, Gilbert, Herbert, James, and David Millay.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Rhonda Tucker for her exceptional care and support in Catherine and Melvin's later years.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on December 18, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to the American Cancer Society, Shriners Hospitals for Children, National Autism Association, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Crain Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Perry Ave.
Cape Girardeau, MO

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (cst)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
615 William Street
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Interment

DEC 18. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

St. Mary's Cemetery
Perry Ave.
Cape Girardeau, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ Keith, Sandra, and Karen, sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Catherine. I didn't have the opportunity to get to know her well, but she always smiled at me in our greeting. Another chapter in life has turned the page.

Jeff Millay

Jeffrey Millay - December 14, 2024 at 01:08 PM

MG

Sandra, I remember visiting with your mom. She was a very giving woman. So very kind. We still live in the old neighborhood and I pass the home almost everyday. So sorry for your loss. Mary Rudert Giles

Mary Rudert Giles - December 17, 2024 at 08:32 AM